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SUBJECT: GUATEMALA NOT FOCUSED ON REINFORCING THE NPT TREATY

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1. PolOff conveyed reftel points to Sylvia Corado, Acting Director General for Multilateral Affairs at the Foreign Ministry, on February 19. Corado agreed that the DPRK's announced intention to withdraw from the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) was worrisome but had no official response. PolOff followed up with Corado on February 24 and again on February 28, when Corado candidly said that the NPT is not a priority for the GOG. However, Corado said the MFA would look for appropriate opportunities to make public statements underlining the importance of the NPT, as requested reftel. Corado was not able to speculate about the timing or venue for such statements.
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